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SUBJ: ECONADS: US CSCE BASKET TWO PROPOSALS FOR ALLIED
CONSIDERATION

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THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON
POSSIBLE NEW WESTERN BASKET II PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE:
PARA (2A), CONCERNING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES, WHILE
GOOD, SHOULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS NEW, SINCE THE IDEA WAS
STRONGLY PRESSED BY EC, PRIMARILY FRG, DURING PRE-HELSINKI
NEGOTIATIONS. US ALSO WEIGHED IN HEAVILY. EAST, WHICH
CLEARLY FINDS IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS WITH FEW LARGE
FIRMS, RESISTED ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM,
BUT DID AGREE TO SIXTH PARA IN "BUSINESS CONTACTS AND
FACILITIES" SECTION REFERRING TO OPENING OF JOINT OFFICES
BY TWO OR MORE FIRMS "WHERE APPROPRIATE". WE SEE NO
REASON WHY MATTER SHOULDN'T BE PRESSED FURTHER AT
BELGRADE.

PARA (2E) PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY WORDED,
SINCE EAST WOULD AT MINIMUM CALL FOR RECIPROCAL UNDER-
TAKING BY WEST AND, AS WE HAVE STRESSED IN MEETINGS WITH
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TECHNOLOGY, LICENSES, ETC. IN
WESTERN COUNTRIES IS FREQUENTLY PRIVATE PROPERTY AND
THERE ARE LIMITS AS TO WHAT OUR GOVERNMENTS CAN DO TO
ENHANCE TRANSFER.

PARA 2. IF WE WERE TO PROPOSE "EXPLORE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE
EASTERN EXPORTS TO THE WEST" WE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE

FACED WITH CHARGES THAT OUR FAILURE TO EXTEND MFN IS
MAJOR PROBLEM. WE WOULD ALSO WISH BE CAREFUL AVOID
IMPLICATION THAT EXPANDING EASTERN EXPORTS IS BASICALLY
OUR PROBLEM, NOT THEIRS.

PARA 3. DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD PRESS FOR SPECIFIC EASTERN
COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE CREDITS WHILE OUR BAN ON
EXIM CREDITS REMAINS IN EFFECT.CATTO

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